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| <b>Appln. No.:</b> 10/730,276                                                                               | <b>Group Art Unit:</b> 1744                                     |
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| <b>Title:</b><br>PROCESS FOR THE<br>STERILE PACKAGING OF<br>A PROSTHETIC IMPLANT<br>MADE OF<br>POLYETHYLENE | <b>Customer No.:</b> 25764<br><b>Docket No.:</b> 79740 - 345358 |

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This Amendment and Response is responsive to the Office Action mailed on February 2, 2007, and includes the following sections:

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments, beginning on page 8.

Payment in the amount of \$1,020 for the newly added claims (\$900) and the Petition for One-month Extension of Time (\$120) is being submitted herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and notify us of the same.